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My dear Friend

This day thy first letter was to be answered - Strange that it had not been done before! - but from the chaos that surrounded me - or which perhaps was only in my own mind - I knew not what to write - Some light has dawned - something of form & shape has risen from the mass and I hasten to speak of that which appeareth. - Thy second letter recd. to day also demands a reply - The Mtgs. of our Ex. Com. since the Mtgs. of the Nat. Society have been to me most painful - Anti Slavery in them was not buoyant & brilliant with the vestime of hope but 'tattered & torn' indeed a 'melancholy all forlorn'.

Our last Mtg. was of a more cheering character. Mr. Keir has come out decidedly for the Nat. Society - He is himself an host from the position he occupies with us - The discussions in our Com. arose on resolutions bro't forward to sever our present connection with the Standard. - It may be well to state that the subscribers in Penn. are supplied from our Office and thro' the agency of the Ex. Com. previous to the Mtg. in N. York a resolution had been unanimously passed in consequence of our dissatisfaction with the management there - not to continue our business con-

nection with that office - This was done
that no reliance might be placed on us, in
case no alterations should be made in the various
departments there. - After the Mtg. - as an entire
alteration was expected. Mr. McKim requested the
paper transmitted as before till further action was
taken on the subject and new arrangements
made. - Thus the matter now stands - no decision
having yet been made. - This subject, in connection
with the new position of the Nat. Soc. has been dis-
cussed at great length only a few of our members
having decided opinions on the matter. - Such being
the state of affairs amongst us - no action of course
has been taken on the subject of agents - That any
will be asked for officially there is no hope at
present - a few of us feel that it is all important
that some of our brethren from the East should be
with us at the Mtg. of our State Soc. in August.
If possible Wendell Phillips must come - many
many here - who are ready for strong meat would
turn away in disgust if it were first set before
them in its raw state by Foster & A. Kelly - yet
would partake with avidity, as of a delicate and
savory dish if served up with the accompaniments
and garnished with the taste & elegance of W. Phillips.

Believing it to be the duty of the Ex. Com. of the Nat.
Soc. to have the care of the whole field of labor - ~~and~~
would draw their attention to the state of the part
of it lying in this region - Would they know the
material on which they have to work? - Let them

judge of it by this - In Adin Ballou's description of the Am. Anty. he speaks of the new Ex. Com. characterises them as having 'a relish for smart cracks of the whip-lash &c.' and then speaks of himself in contrast with them - now A. B. is a fit representative of our most ultra ones. - Judge then how & by whom they could best be acted upon. - Our coming meeting is one of great consequence - so much depends on the position then taken by the Society that too great importance cannot well be attached to it - Our Committee here will make strong efforts to have it a large one - in this all will act in concert. - I have spoken particularly of W. P. as all important - E. M. D. tells me he has written him to come - but 'come one come all'. Who is there of you that would not be welcome? Welcome then welcome thyself & sisters - Should you come and L. Mott not be in town - Should she be I know it is in vain to ~~speak~~ ask - do make our house your home - It would greatly rejoice me to have you with me. -

"Let us know how the Standard can best be circulated in Penn.?" - I know not what to suggest to increase its range - if those 'circulans' have reference to it I will gladly take charge of them - as a small part of my duty - but if they are the same that were issued in the winter by S. H. Gay & J. E. Gibbons - I have a large roll of them which I would not send out then - now, if thought best - should not hesitate to do it. - How is it that thy letters are so long reaching me? - the last three has each been some ten days on the road even the one by mail. - The direction was right - Phil is sufficient by post - L. Mott bids me remember her most affectionately

and say that - she wishes much to write thee but it is
in vain for her to attempt it at present - tho' able to
be absent & to attend to her family duties - the effort
is yet too great for her mental strength to fix her mind
on any subject even for a short time - She leaves us
in a fortnight to spend the summer with a sister in
the interior of N.Y. in seclusion & freedom from excite-
ment & care - doubtless she regains her wonted mental vig-
or - How delightful it is to us to have once more her beau-
tiful spirit with us - beaming from her gentle face - you
may imagine. - Affectionate remembrance to thy sister
M. B. C. & her honored parents - Cordially thine
Sarah Pugh

It is a delight now to take up the Standard - blessing
on S. H. Gay - his isolation in his lonely rooms often
comes before me - his sacrifices are great.

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